

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Blackwell, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1772
 Serial No: 09/888,044) Examiner: Rhee, Jane J.
 Filed: June 22, 2001) Our Client ID: 22827
 Confirmation No: 6965) Our Account No: 04-1403
 Title: Reinforced Window Shutter)



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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.